

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were pending in the application. Claims 1-17 and 21-25 were cancelled without prejudice and new claims 26-39 have been added. Therefore, claims 18-20 and 26-39 are currently pending.

No new matter has been added. Support for new claims 26-36 may be found, for example, at least at page 9, line 25 through page 10, line 24 of the specification as originally filed. Support for new claim 37 may be found, for example, at least at page 11, lines 1-16 of the specification as originally filed. Support for new claim 38 may be found, for example, at least at page 11, lines 17-29 of the specification as originally filed. Support for new claim 39 may be found, for example, at least at page 11, line 31 through page 12, line 10 of the specification as originally filed.

Cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's objections and/or rejections. The cancellation the claims is being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application. The cancellation of the claims is not related to any issues of patentability.

Response to the Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §121

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-17 and 21-25, drawn to a method for increasing survival of oligodendrocytes, comprising administering a deprenyl compound, classified in class 514, subclasses 646.
- Group II: Claims 18-20, drawn to a method for inhibiting Multiple Sclerosis comprising administering a deprenyl compound, classified in class 514, subclasses 646.

Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 18-20), drawn to a method for inhibiting Multiple Sclerosis, without traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 18-20 and newly added claims 26-39 encompass the elected invention.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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